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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicants request an extension of the period for response to the Final Office

Action dated April 13, 2004. A Notice of Appeal was filed on October 13, 2004, therefore,

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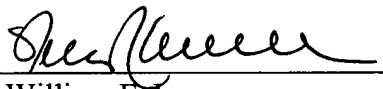
Applicants request an extension of time for five months, from December 13, 2004 to May 13, 2005.

Concurrently with the filing of this Petition, Applicants are filing a Continuation to continue the prosecution of the invention disclosed in the instant application, a copy of which is enclosed. Enclosed is a check for \$2160.00 in payment of the fee set forth in Section 1.17(c) for a three-month extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

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